MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: One Joshua Johnson of Eravipuram.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: പിന്നോക്ക സമുദായക്കാരിൽ ആർക്കെ ങ്കിലും ലൈസൻസ് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയാമോ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I claim notice.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know from the honourable member whether the Textile Commissioner has given quota to any merchant in Kunnathunad taluk whose name was recommended by the taluk authorities?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I have no information.

Textile retail licensees.

352. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the difficulties experienced by the Textile Retail licensees in the matter of obtaining piece goods have come to the notice of Government; if so what action has been taken?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No.

Renewal of textile licences.

353. * MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of textile licences pending renewal with the Commissioner of Textiles, since last year?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: 225.

MR. P. C. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member why these 225 applications for renewal are pending for nearly one year in the office of the Textile Commissioner?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: There are certain defects which have to be cured in respect of these applications. In some cases, the licensees have not given their chalan receipts in proper time. Another thing is that those who have had licences in 1119 discontinued in 1120, but have applied in 1121 without any reason having been assigned why there was discontinuance in 1120. Such cases have to be investigated. So reports have been called for from the Tahsildar and other people concerned. Action is being taken on every such application for which licences have not been renewed.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI; May I know from the honourable member the average time taken by the Tahsildar to send a report?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I cannot tell that.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know from the honourable member whether the renewal can be made for more than one year if they remit the amount?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the honourable member is aware of instances where licensees asked for ordinary licences and have been issued hawkers' licences?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I have no information.

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MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Is there any rule in the office that a paper should not be kept pending beyond a prescribed time?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Which office?

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: The Textile Commissioner's office or any other Government office.

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I have no information about the Textile Commissioner's office.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnatur*): ടെക്സ്റ്റൈൽ കമ്മീഷണറാഫീസിൽ ശരിയായി രജിസ്റ്റർ സൂക്ഷിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: ഉണ്ടെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അറിവ്.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: അവിടെ ഇൻവോയ്സും കൗണ്ടർ വോയ്സും രജിസ്റ്റർചെയ്യാറുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: ഉണ്ടെന്നാണ് അറിവ്.

PRESIDENT: Does the honourable member suggest that there is no register kept in that office? Will you look into the matter, Mr. Gopalan Nair?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know what the delay is due to? Is it on the part of the Tahsildar or the Textile Commissioner?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Most of the delay is due on the part of the licensees themselves.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether there are not among these 225 applications, applications with no technical mistakes?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: My information is that most of these contain technical mistakes.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware that these technical mistakes are not pointed out to the licensees for rectification?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: They are given information with regard to the rectification of those errors.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Have the Government set a time-limit for the disposal of papers in the Government offices?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Advocate-General*): The question is out of order. A general question involving Government policy cannot be asked with regard to a particular question.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether a time-limit has been set? (Laughter).

PRESIDENT: Mr. Chellappan Pillai's thirst for information is so great that he forgets that the question is out of order. (Renewed laughter.)

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: There is so much delay in the disposal of these papers, so I am asking.....

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The answer to that particular question relating to the position in the Textile Commissioner's office, was quite legitimate and proper. But the honourable member has

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[President.]

not asked for the reason of the delay in that office but in all Government offices. That is not right. The Government member has, anyway promised to enquire into the matter. Moreover another honourable member rather suggested that there are no registers kept in the Textile Commissioner's Office, of the papers coming in and going out. I have asked the Secretary to make an enquiry into the matter. If it is as stated here, the officer has no right to continue in service.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: There is an impression in the country that the Textile Commissioner's Office is one of the most disorganised offices in the State.

PRESIDENT: Is that a question?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANA AIYAR: Will the honourable member be pleased to state whether the Textile Commissioner has not been addressing Government that he must have more clerks for his office?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Yes, and Government are giving more clerks.

MR. K. M. PAUL: May I know whether chalan receipts sent to the Textile Commissioner's Office are lost in the office and whether licensees are asked to produce certified copies of them?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: It is not because they are lost in the office, but they are not found in the records. (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT: Order, order. That is a very serious matter, and a special enquiry should be made into it. The fact that a document once sent to the Textile Commissioner's Office is lost or not found, and that the Commissioner asks the party to produce a certified copy of it, is a scandulous state of affairs; and no Government could tolerate it or give such an answer. I could suggest that honourable member will immediately make a surprise inspection of that office and find out exactly how matters are. Mr. Gopalan Nair, do it today, in the course of this evening.

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: But Sir, in 1119 there were no applications for.....

PRESIDENT: Whatever it is, to allow any officer of Government to ask the party to send another copy of a document is a contemptible thing.

RAO SAHIB A. K. BHASKAR: Is the honourable member aware that thousands of letters are received in that office every day asking for special permits etc?

PRESIDENT: Anyway, I have suggested that an enquiry should be made. A surprise inspection will be made by the Secretary in the course of the day and all the books there will be initialled by him in token of his having inspected them. And a report will be made on the basis of the correspondence, registers etc., of his office. If these suggestions made in the House are wrong, of course honourable members who have made those suggestions will, like honourable men, withdraw those suggestions. Otherwise the officer will have to be dealt with for his faults.

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MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: May I know whether quotas are given to persons who have no licences?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Government have no information that quotas have been given to people who have no licences.

Ration cards for yarn and textiles.

354. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have any idea of issuing separate ration cards for yarn and textiles; and

(*b*) if so, when are they expected to be distributed?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) As early as practicable.

Renewal of Cotton Cloth Dealers' licences.

355. *MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that applications for renewal of cotton cloth dealers' licences for the year 1121 are still pending with the Textile Commissioner;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the total number of such applications;

(*c*) the reason for the delay in the matter of renewal; and

(*d*) whether the Government are aware of the difficulty and inconvenience the licensees are put to on account of the inordinate delay in getting the licence renewed?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 225.

(*c*) Failure to forward the original licences along with the applications for renewal in certain cases and failure to get the licences renewed for 1120 in other cases.

(*d*) No.

Controlled goods in Parur Taluk.

356. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the name of controlled goods allotted by the Controller of Civil Supplies to the Parur taluk, with the names of the respective dealers to whom such allotments were made in the year 1121?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: A * statement furnishing the information is placed on the table.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know from the honourable member how many times each of these merchants were given quotas in the Parur taluk?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I claim notice.

Bund in the Periyar river near Alwaye.

357. *MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have any idea of constructing a bund in the Periyar river near about Alwaye; and

(*b*) if so, the purpose of such a bund?

Vide Appendix II.

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